final orders will be passed. So far as Ernakulam and Mattancheri Municipalities are concerned the figures are given below.

	No. Received	*No. Disposed*	*No. pending*
		1117	
Ernakulam	Nil	Nil	Nil
Mattancheri	..	..	..
		1118	
Ernakulam	..	..	..
Mattancheri	1	1	..
		1119	
Ernakulam	11	10	1
Mattancheri	4	3	1
		1120	
Ernakulam	44	12	32
Mattancheri	42	5	37

Mr. T. P. Poulose *(Kanayannur)*: Is the Government aware that in the year 1117, there was evacuation from Ernakulam and the rent of the House in Ernakulam was very low.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: After evacuation the rent was low.

Mr. T. P. Poulose *(Kanayannur)*: That under the Rent Control order rent is to be fixed on the basis of the Rent Control Order.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: There was in a particular month in 1117 there was no sudden fall in that period.

Mr. T. P. Poulose *(Kanayannur)*: Is the Government aware that during that period the rent of the house in Ernakulam was lower than the normal rent? Government will be pleased to look into that aspect.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: May I know whether the Rent Control Order is applicable to other municipal areas.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: The matter is under consideration.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: May I know whether the Diwan Peishkar has issued any instructions to the village officers.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: No instructions have been given. Rent Control Orders will show that no instructions are necessary also, no instructions have been asked for.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether any special staff is given to work this order?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: There is no special staff.

REVISING AUTHORITIES—NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED, ETC.

397. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi)*: Will Government be pleased to state the number of applications received, considered and finally allowed by the Revising Authority as voters from each constituency in addition to the list already published for the ensuing Legislative Council Election?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan-Peishkar)*: A list containing the available particulars is placed on the Council Table.

COCOANUTS AND COCOANUT OIL—RICE IN PRICES

398. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the abnormal rise in prices of cocoanuts and cocoanut oil;

(*b*) do they propose to take any steps to bring down the prices?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*:

(*a*) Compared with the rise in prices of rice and other essential commodities, the rise in prices of cocoanuts and cocoanut oil cannot be said to be abnormal. Recently, however, the prices of cocoanut and cocoanut oil have been rising higher. This rise is likely to be only temporary. There is no reason to believe that the prices will remain steady at this level. There were similar fluctuations last year also.

(*b*) The situation is being watched.

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